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CLERK: Just one, Mr. President. Thank you. Senator Bruning would like to print an amendment to LB 76. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1565-1566.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Mr. Clerk, I understand we're going to go to LB 849 (sic).

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 849A is a bill by Senator Hartnett. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you. Senator Smith, I understand you're authorized to open on this, on this bill.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Just briefly, LB 849A is the appropriations bill that will cover the beginning administration expenses relating to the...LB 849, the Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Recruitment and Retention Act. And just a brief overview here, the A bill is for \$63,000. That's one-third of the original amount proposed. Fifty-four thousand of that is for the expenses in the Fire Marshal's Office, administrative expenses and so forth, and \$9,000 of that will be for the commission that will sunset after one year.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: (Gavel)

SENATOR SMITH: After one year, those...the commission will be sunsetted and then they will come up with that recommendation, and so the fund...the actual funds for the program will not be necessary until two years from now. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Smith. Seeing no lights, you're recognized to close. Senator Smith waives closing. The question before us is the advancement of LB 849A. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 849A.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 849A is advanced. Mr. Clerk, next item.